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<td>Monday, August 7</td>
<td><strong>3-4:00pm</strong>: Making Sense of Your Math Placement Score Info and Q&amp;A; <a href="https://harvard.zoom.us/j/96200527492">Zoom link</a></td>
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<td>Tuesday, August 8</td>
<td><strong>6-7:30pm</strong>: Shall I Take Math 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 55, or AM 22? Info and Q&amp;A; <a href="https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94047284683">Zoom link</a></td>
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| Monday, August 14     |  • Canvas sites are published by faculty  
  • HUM 10 application opens                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday, August 15    | **10:30-11:30am**: Hum 10a Info Session; [Zoom link](https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94047284683)  
  **1-2:00pm**: First-Year Seminars Office Hours; [Zoom link](https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94047284683)                                                                 |
| Wednesday, August 16  |  • Expos term change petitions are available  
  • 8-9:00pm: HUM 10a Mentor Session; [Zoom link](https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94047284683)                                                                                                                                 |
| Thursday, August 17   | **10:30-11:30am**: Hum 10a Info Session; [Zoom link](https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94047284683)                                                                                                                                         |
| Friday, August 18     |  • [Crimson Carts open](https://www.crimsoncarts.com) (students can select courses but not enroll; adding courses to a cart allows students to access the course Canvas sites)                                                                 |
| Monday, August 21     |  • [Registration begins](https://www.firstyearseminars.harvard.edu) - all students with holds lifted may enroll in classes as of this date  
  • Math placement advising hours open, to help students decide which math course to take. Sign up at this link.                                                                                                         |
| Thursday, August 24   | **11:00am**: HUM 10 Application Deadline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Friday, August 25     | **11:00am**: First-Year Seminar Program application deadline  
  **9:00pm**: HUM 10 Decisions to Students                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Monday, August 28     | **5:00pm**: FY students notified of First-Year Seminar placements  
  **Expos sectioning opens** for Expos 20 and Expos Studio 10                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tuesday, August 29    | **5:00pm**: HUM 10 Students’ Deadline to Accept/Decline  
  **11:59pm**: Gen Ed lottery deadline  
  **11:59pm**: Student deadline to accept/decline First-Year Seminar placement  
  **11:59pm**: Expos sectioning closes                                                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday, August 30  | **10:00am**: List of First-Year Seminars with open seats posted on [program website](https://www.firstyearseminars.harvard.edu)  
  ○ Instructor permission required to add a seminar in My.Harvard  
  • Gen Ed lottery runs and decisions are released  
  • Expos section assignments are released                                                                                                                                 |
| Thursday, August 31   | **11:59pm**: Course registration deadline  
  • Students may add/drop open enrollment (non-application/lottery) courses without instructor permission  
  • Expos section change petitions are available                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Monday, September 1   | Labor Day holiday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday, September 5  |  • Math section information released  
  • First day of classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday, September 12 |  • After this date students must have permission from instructors to enroll                                                                                                                                                     |
Gen Ed

Can I enter the Gen Ed lottery with an advising, financial, or immunization hold?
Yes! The only thing a hold prevents is final enrollment.

Do I have to take a Gen Ed in my first year?
No - the only requirement is that you complete four Gen Eds before you graduate. That said, many students enjoy getting a taste for Harvard classes through Gen Eds in their first year.

Can I petition a course to count for Gen Ed?
No. Only courses offered through the Program in General Education (that is, those with GENED course numbers) fulfill Gen Ed requirements.

Click here for Fall 2023 course information, including books, enrollment caps, categories and more.

For an illustrated, step-by-step how-to for entering the Gen Ed lottery, click here.

Worried about an advising, immunization, or financial hold? You can still petition for courses and enter the Gen Ed lottery! Here's how.

Expos

How do I enroll in Expos?
If you are assigned to Fall Expos, a “placeholder” for Expos 20 or Expos Studio 10 will appear in your Crimson Cart. Then you will enter your preferences for specific Expos 20 or Expos 10 courses during Expos sectioning.

What if I want to change my term assignment or my section assignment?
Online petitions will be available for both requests. Be sure to check the deadlines for the petition process.

Should I start with Expos Studio 10?
All students receive an Expos placement recommendation in their Placement Report. If you are recommended for Expos Studio 10, you will have an Expos advising conversation about whether the course is the right starting point for you.

Please visit our website for complete information about Expos courses and registration.

First-Year Seminars

Why should I take a First-Year Seminar?
This is an opportunity for first-year students to meet in a small group with a faculty member on a topic of keenly-shared interest without the usual constraints of letter-grades and exams. Seminars also feature special activities such as guest speakers, concerts, exhibitions, studio or lab work, and field trips that enhance the learning experience for first-year students.

Is there an advantage to taking a seminar in the fall term?
No. Although more seminars are offered in the fall term, you should apply to whichever seminars interest you most, regardless of the term in which they are offered. The application period for spring begins in December. You may take a seminar in both terms, space permitting. Browse offerings for both terms here.

Is there a limit to how many applications I can submit?
No. Each term, you may apply to as many First-Year Seminars as genuinely interest you. However, we urge you to apply to at least seven seminars in order to increase your chances of getting a seat in one of your top-choice seminars. Remember to rank your choices!

Expos

What is HUM 10?
As the Arts & Humanities Division’s introduction to the study of literary humanities, Humanities 10 offers a wide-ranging, year-long conversation about literature, art, and philosophy; it also fulfills the Expository Writing requirement.

See our course website for full information about Hum10, and learn more about the application process here. Ready to apply? Find the application form here when it opens.